

City-County Community Health

Mission. The mission of the City-County Community Health Department is to protect the citizens of Wichita and Sedgwick County from excessive morbidity and mortality by preventing the spread of disease, encouraging a healthful lifestyle and providing a safe environment

Overview. Health programs include child-care licensing; food service and facility inspection; regulation of solid waste collection; air and water quality; vector control; hazardous waste control; and public health education.

The Department consists of three divisions; Administration, Environmental Health and Personal Health.

The Environmental Health Division enforces environmental standards in the City of Wichita and the unincorporated areas of Sedgwick County. The Division is responsible for air quality control, animal control, environmental code enforcement, food protection and tobacco control, collection and disposal of hazardous materials, vector control, and water quality control.



A Health Department employee checks food refrigeration temperatures

A violation of health standards includes conditions that present a health or safety risk, contribute to neighborhood degradation, or are determined to be a nuisance. Examples include open buildings and excavations, bulky waste and salvage materials, improper animal maintenance, inadequate storage or disposal of household garbage, surfacing sewage, and abandoned vehicles. Violations are resolved through voluntary compliance, or referred to a private contractor for abatement or court action.

The Environmental Health Division administers the Household Hazardous Waste Program, financed from Landfill tipping fees through 2001.

The Personal Health Division provides services to approximately 41,000 clients per year. Services include children's dental and health care, adolescent health care,

Women, Infant & Children (WIC) program, immunizations, treatment services, child care licensing, in-home and clinic services associated with maternal and infant care and public outreach presentations.

In addition to the Main Health Clinic, the Personal Health Division operates seven health stations throughout the community. Each health station offers services that include family planning, pregnancy testing and counseling, immunizations, cancer screenings, blood pressure checks, blood sugar and cholesterol screenings, tuberculosis and HIV testing and counseling.

Health Stations		
Station	Address	No of Clients in 1998
Colvin-Planeview	2820 S. Roosevelt	1,588
Downtown	230 E. William	573
Evergreen Park	2700 Woodland	4,222
Orchard Park	4808 W. 9 th Street	3,384
Southeast	1530 S. Oliver	4,856
Stanley	1749 S. Martinson	4,256
Northeast	2624 E. 21 st Street	New in 1999

Community outreach services are offered through Field Nurses. To reduce health risks to newborns, field nurses promote prenatal health with home visits to pregnant women. Field Nurses also make home visits to families with infants whose mothers have tested positive for drugs and/or alcohol, and to families of infants with teen parents in need of support and guidance with infant care.



Services are provided through the Children's Dental Health Clinic.

The Health Department operates a laboratory for on site testing for detection of sexually transmitted diseases, and blood borne pathogens (including HIV antibody screening).

The new Northeast Health Station opened in 1999 with Federal funding from the Healthy Start Initiative Program and from fees generated by the clinic's clients who are able to pay for a portion of the services they receive. The clinic is located at 2624 East 21st Street North.

Finance and Operations. The Health Department has varied funding sources. The City of Wichita (60%) and Sedgwick County (40%) fund the City-County Budget. Services are provided countywide. A separate City Health Budget is funded exclusively by the City of Wichita and provides services within the City limits. In addition, the Health Department generates clinic fees from clients with the ability to pay. Federal and State health grants provide the remainder of the Department's resources.

Health Department Resources Summary (in thousands)			
	1998	1999	2000
City of Wichita (includes City-County and local programs)	3,384	3,664	3,910
Sedgwick County	1,497	1,652	1,694
Federal & State grants	3,586	3,765	3,840
Clinic fees	878	892	910
Total Health Resources	9,345	9,973	10,354

The Environmental Code Enforcement Section investigates and tries to resolve complaints received from citizens. The number of complaints increased 39 percent from 1993 to 1998. With the loss of one Public Health Sanitarian, formerly funded through a State grant, the workload per inspector increased 47 percent in the same time period. The

addition of two Public Health Sanitarians is proposed with funding from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). This action restores the lost position and adds a new position for a total of seven inspectors.

City-County Health is funded 60 percent by the City of Wichita and 40 percent by Sedgwick County. The County's imposed budget cap had not allowed for service growth since 1997. As salaries and benefits have increased, maintaining service levels has required decreases in expenditures for medical supplies and equipment.

Federal and State grants fund many services offered by the Health Department such as family planning, maternal & child health, primary care, etc. The grant dollars received for these activities have remained flat or even decreased in recent years. Continuing health programs without service reductions requires increased local funding. The adopted budget is increased to include seven positions, three full-time and four part-time, that were formerly grant funded.

Personal Health Goals for the Community		
Health Dept. Clients	1999	2000
2 year old children having up-to-date immunizations	30%	50%
Clients successfully referred to appropriate specialist or agency	90%	90%
Clients of prenatal clinic delivering babies weighing over 5.5 pounds	94%	94%

City-County Community Health Budget Summary					
	1998 Actual	1999 Adopted	1999 Revised	2000 Adopted	2001 Approved
Personal Services	2,982,263	3,388,700	3,333,160	3,614,800	3,781,240
Contractual Services	734,184	772,640	769,060	686,710	689,640
Commodities	143,786	152,550	198,870	146,560	139,980
Capital Outlay	9,912	49,200	49,700	15,100	5,600
Other	120,040	151,960	160,090	165,330	190,490
Total City-County Health Expenditures	3,990,185	4,515,050	4,510,880	4,628,500	4,806,950
					(1,764,540)
Less: Sedgwick County	(1,496,842)	(1,652,300)	(1,652,300)	(1,694,330)	()
Other revenue	(248,080)	(385,640)	(380,120)	(392,680)	(395,600)
Total General Fund Expenditures	2,245,263	2,478,460	2,478,460	2,541,490	2,646,810
Position Summary					
Total full-time	71	71	71	74	74
Total part-time	0	0	0	4	4
Total FTE	71.0	71.0	71.0	76.1	76.1